

## U. S. GETS SHIPS, BUT NO CREWS

Congress To Be Asked for  
Doubled Force and  
1,000 Officers.

## ENLISTMENTS STOP; LAW A BARRIER

Men Too Few to Put Vessels on  
Parade—"Scandalous!" One  
Officer's Comment.

Washington, Sept. 29.—(Congress will be asked to increase the enlisted personnel of the navy 50 per cent and to provide for 1,000 more officers, according to the present plans of the Navy Department. Officers say such an increase is a necessity if even the present ships are to be kept ready for action.)

The enlistment is now up to the maximum permitted by law, slightly over 32,000, and it is said that there will be no difficulty in getting the extra men, even at the present rate of pay. If Congress passes the necessary legislation, the navy is accumulating ships much faster than men, and some of the older officers say that conditions will become critical when the big vessels under construction are in commission.

"There are not enough men in the navy at this time to place all the ships on parade, let alone send them into battle," said a naval officer today. "Every time we commission a new ship we have to relegate one or two older ones to virtual retirement. And as for officers, it is scandalous. Almost all our officers are performing the duties of the rank above them. We ought to have 1,000 new officers at once, and then promote a corresponding number of the old ones to ranks commensurate with the duties they are performing." It is estimated that in the event of war the navy would have to retire a large number of older ships in order to get enough men and officers to man the battle fleet. The department looks on this situation as grave, and some of the older officers say Congress will be only making a beginning if it raises the authorized number of enlisted men to 75,000 and adds 1,000 officers.

This increase, it is said, would just put the present ships on a war footing. It would not provide reserves to take care of normal casualties nor men to handle the large fleet of auxiliary cruisers, colliers, transports and tenders that would be necessary in war. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt recently estimated that 18,000 more men and 1,000 officers would be required to bring the present ships of the navy up to a state of actual war preparation. The estimate of Rear Admiral Blue, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, is understood to have been considerably higher.

Mr. Roosevelt is working out a plan for a naval reserve of 50,000 men, recruited from the former enlisted men of the navy, who number about 10,000, and from private citizens who have had experience in the various branches of the service.

He believes that while these men cannot be trained to the standard of efficiency in the regular service in this way, it will, nevertheless, be possible to mobilize a great many volunteers for auxiliary service. Radio operators, helmsmen, mechanics and engineers can be taken from private life and made almost immediately useful to the navy in time of war.

If Congress grants the increase in personnel which Secretary Daniels will recommend, and which the House President will approve, it will not be expected to stop there. Naval experts are greatly interested in forming an adequate reserve of both ships and men. Such a plan would necessarily be linked with the movement to foster a merchant marine, and would provide for commissioning officers of the merchant fleet, and placing the crews and vessels on the reserve list, as is done in Europe.



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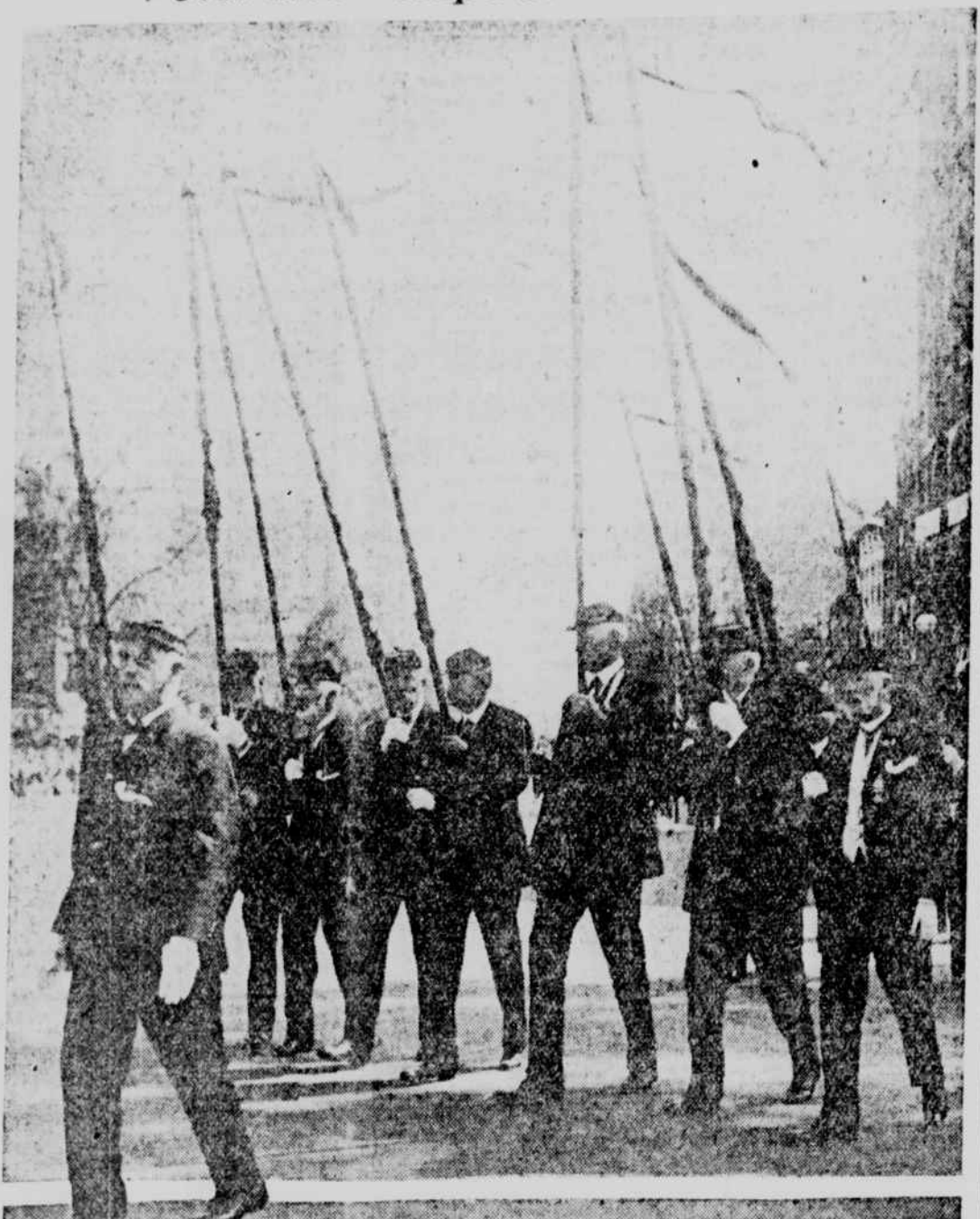
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## Wilson Weeps as Withered G. A. R. Veterans Repeat Review of '65



Veterans in the G. A. R. parade carried the tattered flags they followed at Vicksburg, Chancellorsville, Lookout Mountain and on other battlefields.

## Feeble Forms in Line of 20,000 Break President's Reserve—All Races March and Know No Hyphen.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Sept. 29.—Tears ran unashamed down faces that broke into smiles even before they were dry; deep-throated cheers followed in waves along the packed lines, and jaws were set more firmly by thousands of men and women as Washington watched the remnants of an army that kept her the capital of an undivided nation march over the same route taken fifty years ago today by Grant's victorious hosts, fresh from Appomattox.

Twenty thousand gray-haired veterans passed in review before President Wilson, proudly saluting as they passed the point where fifty years ago stood President Johnson. A quarter of a million people lined the route. The day was perfect. It was just cool enough to make marching pleasant, while the sun shone brightly on polished arms and the gold of the uniforms.

More than all else, both veterans and spectators were moved by the tattered battle flags carried by almost every G. A. R. post. Many of these were mere fragments; the least defaced showed holes torn by shells and bullets. On their folds the faded names of "Appomattox," "Yellow Tavern," "Gettysburg," "Chancellorsville," "Vicksburg," "Lookout Mountain," and a score of others recalled heroism and sacrifice.

Too Proud to Ride.

Every now and then in the line was a veteran who, despite his need for crutches, was too proud to ride, and insisted on hobbling with his old comrades. One old soldier whose leg was carried off by a cannon ball disdained the automobile seat he was offered and hobbled along, assisted by a tiny boy scout.

Two of the happiest faces in the parade were those of "Johnny Rebs," one of whom was the "prisoner" of the Hanover, Penn., post, while the other was entirely surrounded by "Yankees" from abolition's cradle, Boston.

The appearance of the Confederate veterans, each of whom was representative in an almost new gray uniform, was the occasion for hearty cheers all along the line, and nowhere was the

commingling of the blue and gray more appreciated than on the President's reviewing stand.

When the gray bearded drummer boys reached the President's reviewing stand they paused and played "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Hundreds of the "girls" now gray, too, seemed for a few moments on the point of overpowering the police and getting right out into line and marching.

As the veterans marched in front of the White House and past the reviewing stand of President Wilson, they traveled exactly the same street, though it was then a road, and in front of a reviewing stand occupying the same position, that they did fifty years ago. Then it was President Johnson, and the Cabinet of Abraham Lincoln which reviewed them. To-day it was President Wilson, descendant of Confederate soldiers, and his Cabinet. Beside the President stood, with uncovered head throughout the parade Chief Justice White, of the Supreme Court of the United States, himself a Confederate veteran. The President's face wore a thoughtful expression, save when some particularly pathetic old soldier passed by or when a happy union of the "Johnnies" with the "Yankees" was demonstrated before his eyes. Then the tears came quickly.

But as the long lines, with occasional halting couples, passed, the President saw Germans, Irish, French and English, among whom there was not a hyphen. A few of the French

Zouaves were side by side with Pennsylvania veterans whose countenances showed German extraction. In the same line, frequently, were faces so unmistakably English and Irish that but for their age they might have been mistaken for part of Kitchener's army. Regimental flags which had led a thousand men into battle were now followed by ten or a dozen. Two hundred thousand men of the Army of the Potomac had marched past President Johnson; to-day there were 20,000 gathered from all the former posts of the Union.

Her John Would Come.

The age of the veterans showed plainly that there would be few more reviews, and probably few more encampments. As an anxious wife on the President's stand put it: "My John would come to this encampment. He was afraid that this march would kill him, but he would have marched even if he knew it would. Maybe it would be better, anyhow, that he should die happy, marching with his old comrades."

John A. Dix Post, of New York City, carried in the parade the same flag which flew from the masthead of the revenue cutter in the bay of New Orleans when Dix sent a telegram ordering that any man attempting to haul down the American flag was to be shot. The "biggest flag in the world" was carried by more than 100 veterans and was 200 feet long by 75 wide.

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## MOSS MAY RUN AS INDEPENDENT

Anger at Perkins Almost  
Impels Him, It Is Said,  
to Support Swann.

Will Frank Moss make a campaign for election as District Attorney against District Attorney Charles Albert Perkins, who defeated him for the Republican nomination for that office? That was the principal question being asked by politicians yesterday. It was one that Mr. Moss would not answer. His friends said he had not made up his mind.

Although under the law Mr. Moss cannot retire as the candidate of the Progressive and American parties, in the primaries of which he was unopposed, he might, if he chose, ask the members of those parties to vote for Mr. Perkins. The resentment of Mr. Moss against his rival, and the Republican organization in general, which he accused of unfair tactics, was still so strong last night that he was almost ready to declare his support for Edward Swann, the Democratic candidate.

"I am considering the entire matter carefully," said Mr. Moss, "and will not decide on my course of action until after great deliberation. Of course I cannot retire as the candidate of the Progressive and American parties, but I could make a statement indicating my wishes to my friends who have so loyally supported me."

"You wouldn't urge them to support Judge Swann, the Tammany candidate, would you?" some one asked.

"Well, I shall not commit myself on that point," was the reply, after some hesitation. "I certainly am inclined at this time to support Mr. Perkins."

Ryan Urged to Run.

George W. Wamaker would not acknowledge yesterday that he had been beaten by Herman W. Beyer for the Republican leadership of the 11th District. The indications, however, were that while he had a majority of the popular vote, he had lost the district committee, made up of members from each election district, by a margin of one or two. Albert Katz, who led the opposition, says he does not want to be leader, but he has not the slightest idea who to put in the place.

Although Lorenz Zeller defeated Joseph T. Ryan for the Democratic nomination for City Court Justice by more than 12,000, Ryan got a vote so unexpectedly large for a man practically unknown in the organization that his friends are urging him to run as an independent candidate. The final vote was, Zeller, 28,092; Ryan, 16,719.

The interesting contest between Ellsworth J. Healy, nephew by marriage of Charles F. Murphy, and George B. Hayes, for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 22d District, showed a victory for Healy by about 900. With six election districts missing in the 23d Assembly District, the figures were:

Complete returns from the Progressive primaries in Kings County showed that James C. Grosey, the Republican candidate, had carried them for District Attorney by 276 out of a total vote of 3,718. The smallness of the vote was a great surprise as the Progressives had a strong organization in Kings at one time. The Republicans carried eleven Moose nominations for the Assembly. The Progressive leaders cried fraud, declaring that the Republicans had distributed so-called sample ballots with the names of the real Progressive candidates omitted.

In Kings the total Democratic vote was about 27,000 and the total Republican 24,000.

Cogey Losing Grip.

Theron H. Burdett lost control of the Republican organization in Queens County, when he was defeated as the organization nominee for Sheriff by Charles A. McCardle. In the future Joseph H. De Bevoise will be the power in the organization. He is a member of the state committee. Paul Stier defeated James P. Hicks for the Demo-

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Michael Grosey, who, with the aid of Senator Robert F. Wagner, had asserted yesterday that J. J. Brown, his opponent for the leadership, had not won, it appears by late returns that Grosey elected a greater number of members of the general committee.

## QUICK JERSEY JUSTICE

George Steinfield, a thirty-six-year-old New Yorker, went to Rumson, N. J., on Tuesday. That night he robbed the home of Mrs. George H. Chattillon. Yesterday Judge Lawrence sent Steinfield to state prison for seven years.

## BOY PRISONER COMES BACK

Parents Urge Him to Return After Escaping Tombs.

Harry Kirschenbaum, the eighteen-year-old prisoner who slipped away from other inmates of the Tombs and four deputy sheriffs and keepers yesterday afternoon, surrendered himself to Warden Hanley at 10 o'clock last night. His parents, whom he called up from the home of a friend, prevailed on him to give himself up, fearing that his sentence to the Elmira Reformatory for grand larceny would be extended by his break for liberty.

"They forgot to handcuff me," he said last night. "When I saw the stairway I didn't know what to do, so I just went away."

## RETURNS WASHINGTON WILL

Morgan Sends It to Virginia Jurist—State Had Sued.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.—J. P. Morgan has sent to Justice James Keith, president of the Virginia Court of Appeals, to be disposed of by him at his own discretion, the will of Mrs. Martha Washington, taken from Fairfax Courthouse by a Federal soldier during the war, and bought by the late J. Pierpont Morgan for his library.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, was the mediator between Mr. Morgan and Governor Stuart and Justice Keith. The will probably will be placed by consent in a depository vault at Mount Vernon. The State of Virginia has a suit pending in the Supreme Court of the United States to compel Mr. Morgan to return the will. The suit probably will be dropped.

## INDORSE NEW CONSTITUTION

Members of Republican Club Uphold Candidates Selected.

The Republican Club at a special meeting last night unanimously adopted this resolution:

"Resolved, That the Republican Club of the City of New York heartily indorses the proposed constitution, and urges the citizens of the state to cast their votes in favor of its adoption. The club also heartily indorses the Republican candidates nominated."

The speakers were George W. Herbert, Frederick C. Tanner and Herbert C. Parsons.

## DAUGHTER BORN TO FOWLERS

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ludlow Fowler, Jr., at the home of Mrs. Fowler's aunt, Mrs. J. Woodward Haven, 18 East Twenty-ninth Street. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were married January 5, 1914. Mrs. Fowler was Charlotte Cram, niece of J. Sergeant Cram and granddaughter of Eusebius L. Winthrop. Mr. Fowler is the son of Surgeon and Mrs. Robert Ludlow Fowler, of 28 West Tenth Street. He was graduated from Columbia in 1910 and is a member of several clubs.

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